MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolam*): The arguments advanced by the Conservator of Forests are not at all convincing. So I press the motion to a division.

The Resolution was put to vote.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I think the Resolution is lost.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): I demand a poll.

A poll was taken with the following results:—

AYES.—20

1	Mr.	A. S. Damodaran Asan	11	Mr.	S. Nilakanta Pillai
2	,,	A. Easwara Pillai (*Kalkulam II*)	12	,,	Pacode A. Narayana Pillai
3	,,	S. J. Nair	13	,,	K. A. Narayana Pillai
4	,,	K. P. Krishna Menon	14	,,	Kainikkara M. Padmanabha Pillai
5	,,	T. Krishna Pillai	15	,,	Edavanat S. Padmanabha Menon
6	,,	P. C. Kuriyan	16	,,	R Sivaraman Nair
7	,,	K. M. Kuriakose	17	,,	A. Thanu Pillai
8	,,	K. Kunjukrishna Pillai	18	,,	P. K. Thomas
9	,,	Pottayil S. Krishna Panickar	19	,,	N. E. Varughese
10	,,	K. Mahomed	20	,,	V. K. Velappan Nair

NOES.—15.

1	Mr.	C. V. Chandrasekharan	10	Mr.	K. Madhavan
2	,,	S. Chattanatha Karayalar	11	,,	Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai
3	,,	R. Dhanukoti Pillai	12	,,	N. K. Padmanabha Pillai
4	,,	K. George	13	Rao Bahadur	A. Rengaswamy Iyer
5	,,	M. Govinda Pillai	14	Mr.	G. B. E. Truscott
6	,,	M. Mahomed Haneef	15	,,	T. C. Thommen
7	,,	N. John Joseph			
8	,,	T. T Kesavan Sastri			
9	Rao Bahadur	Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai			

NEUTRALS—9.

1	Mr.	N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib	6	Mr.	Menatheri N. Kesava Panicker
2	,,	K. R. Elenkath	7	,,	G. Nilakantan
3	,,	A. Easwara Pillai (*Kottarakara*)	8	,,	Changanacherry K. Parameswaran Pillai
4	,,	Antony George	9	,,	K. Padmanabhan
5	,,	M. K. Madhavan Pillai			

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The Resolution is carried.

ABOLITION OF EXPORT DUTY ON COCOANUT PRODUCTS.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Sir, I beg to move the following resolution:—

> "*This Assembly recommends to the Government that the export duty on cocoanut products be abolished till normal economic conditions are restored.*"

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Sir, cocoanut is one of our money crops and with the money we get from the sale of cocoanuts we purchase paddy and rice from Burma. One third of the rice we require for local consumption is imported from Burma. I submit that it must be the anxious consideration of this House as well as the Government to see that the price of cocoanut is kept up. There is no export duty on copra in Malabar, Cochin and Ceylon. So they get preference over Travancore produce. The imposition of duty on cocoanut products that are being exported from this country means the rise in the price. The result will be that we cannot sell our products in the foreign markets at as cheap a rate as the cocoanut products from Ceylon, Malabar and Cochin. Moreover, we are making persistent demands to the Government of India to afford protection to our cocoanut products by raising the duty on cocoanut products that are being imported from Ceylon. Unless the Travancore Government are not prepared to do everything for protecting our products from competition, how are we justified in our demand to the India Government for protection? On these grounds, I request the Government to abolish the export duty on cocoanut products. With these words, I commend this Resolution for the acceptance of the House.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, I second the resolution so ably moved by my friend Mr. S. Nilakanta Pillai. The levy of export duty on cocoanut is double taxation. So it must be abolished.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The House will now adjourn *sine die*.

The House adjourned *sine die*.

K. MADHAVA KURUP,
Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly

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